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SIMON WALTERSON WAS ONCE A FOOTBALL PLAYER WITH A TRAGIC PAST WHO GOT MAGICALLY TRANSFORMED INTO A DEMIGOD OF SMALL, AMPHIBIOUS STATURE--BUT DON'T LET THIS FOOL YOU, FOR HE IS THROG, THE FROG OF THUNDER, AND POSSESSES ALL THE POWERS AND ABILITIES OF THE MIGHTY THOR HIMSELF!

THOR

THOR IS THE GOD OF THUNDER AND ALL-FATHER OF ASGARD. OF LATE, HE HAS HAD TROUBLE WITH HIS HAMMER, MJOLNIR--SOMETIMES IT IS TOO HEAVY FOR HIM TO LIFT, AND OTHER TIMES PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO LIFT IT DESPITE THE FACT THAT NO ONE BUT THOR SHOULD BE ABLE TO.

DECIDING MJOLNIR'S "DISOBEDIENCE" MUST BE BECAUSE HE IS NOW ASGARD'S KING AND NO LONGER ITS WARRIOR, THOR LEFT THE UNRULY HAMMER IN THE ONLY PLACE HE THINKS SAFE, WITHIN AVENGERS MOUNTAIN, SO THAT HE CAN FOCUS ON BEING A BETTER KING.

BUT NOW THE AVENGERS REPORT THAT MJOLNIR HAS BEEN STOLEN...

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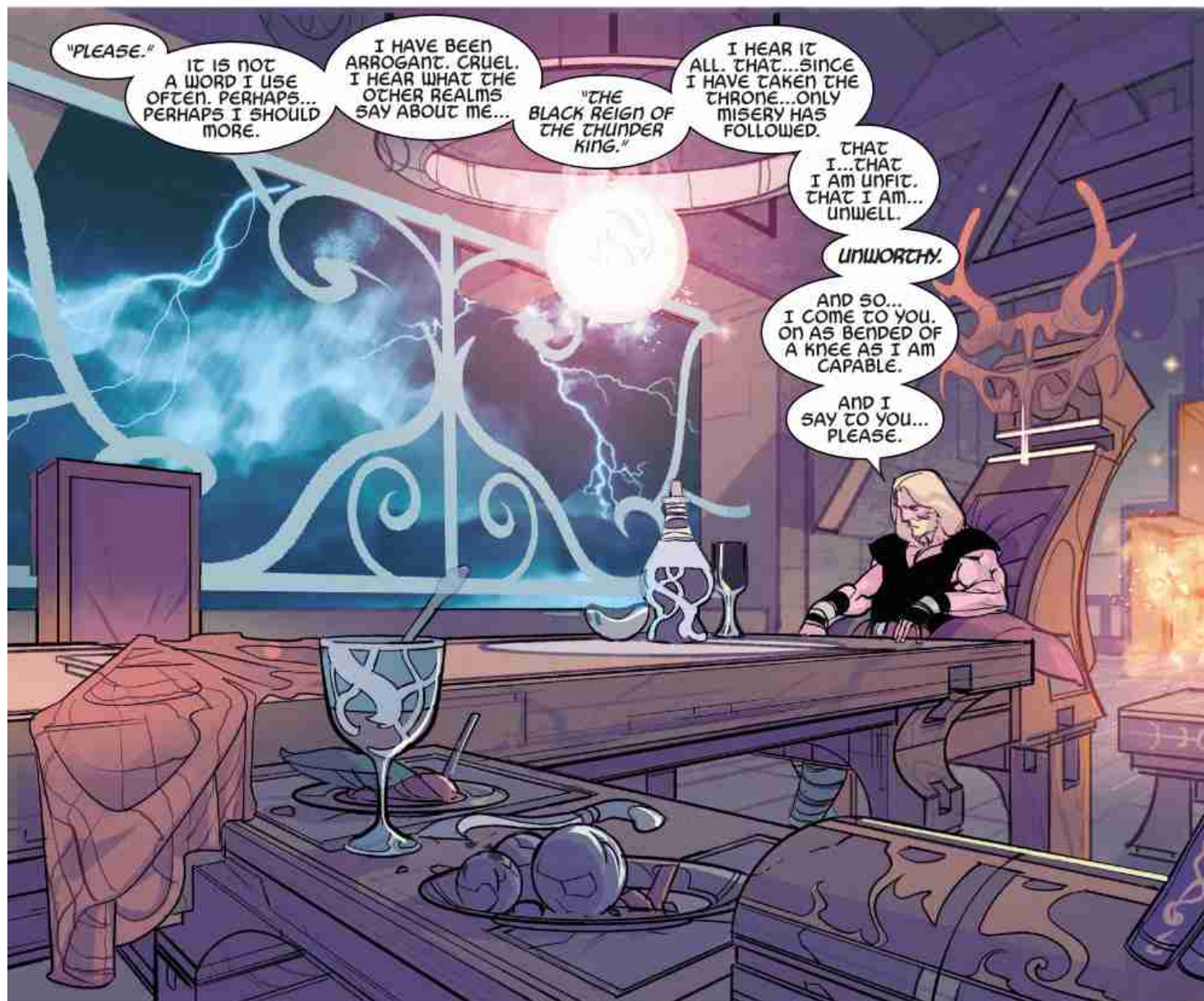
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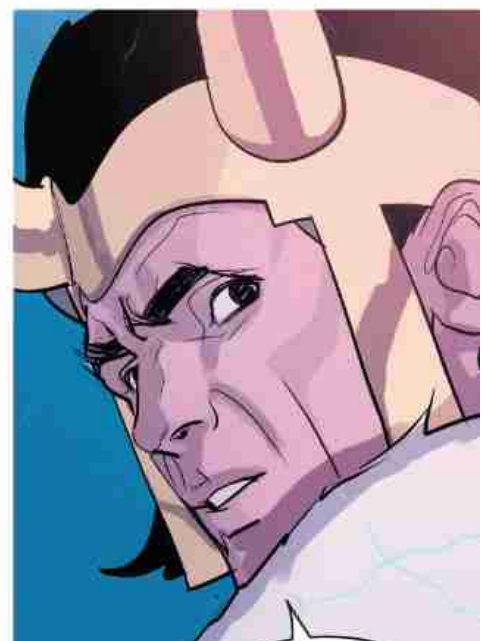
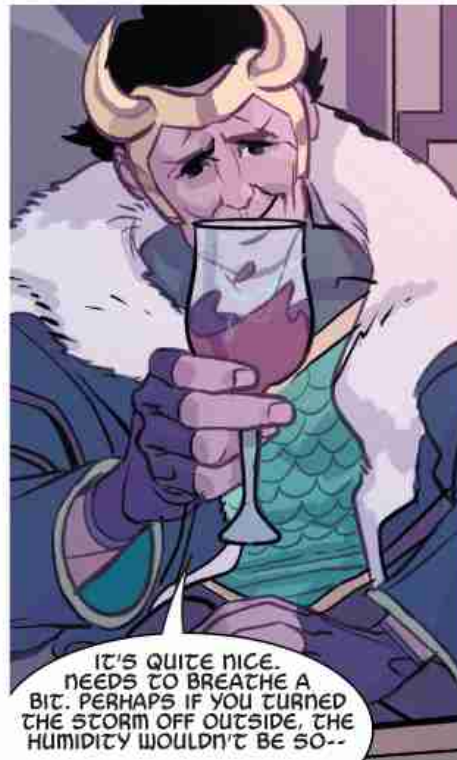
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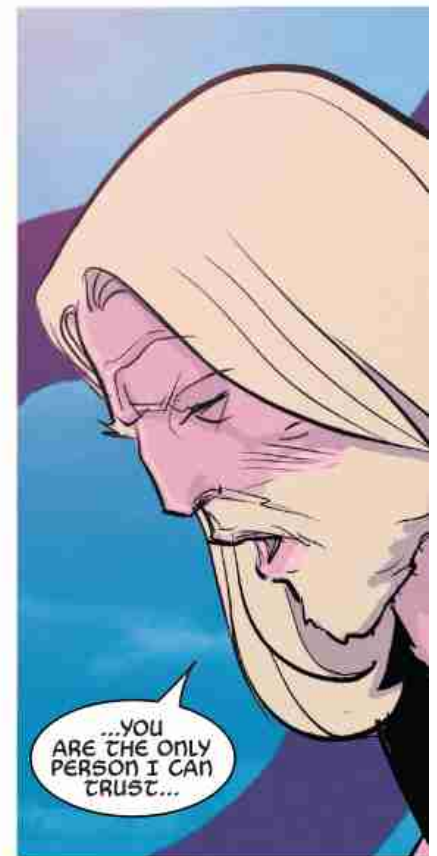
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AND I'M
QUITE OUT
OF THAT
GAME.

I AM A KING
NOW AS WELL,
BROTHER.



AND AS
A KING, MY
PRIORITIES ARE
WITH JOTUNHEIM--
WITH MY
KINGDOM.

AS
YOURS SHOULD
BE.



I MEAN,
HONESTLY, IT'S
RIDICULOUS, THOR!
WHAT DID YOU
EXPECT? I'M
FAMOUS! I CAN'T
BE A SPY...



WHAT
YOU NEED
IS SOMEONE WHO
CAN SLIP IN UNNOTICED.
WITH A VAST WHISPER
NETWORK THAT
CAN BE...



--WAIT.

NO.

WAIT.
YES.

YES, THAT
MIGHT...



DAMN
YOU. WELL
PLAYED.
POUR ME
A DRINK--I'M
PLOTING.

And lo, deep in the peat-covered, sweltering boggy marshland of Midgard...

...in the kingdom known as Foreverglade...

...the searing razor-songs of the cicadas hum with joy and melt against the bellowing of the toads...

...the roaring drums of the great pileated woodpecker...

...the screams of the blackbirds...

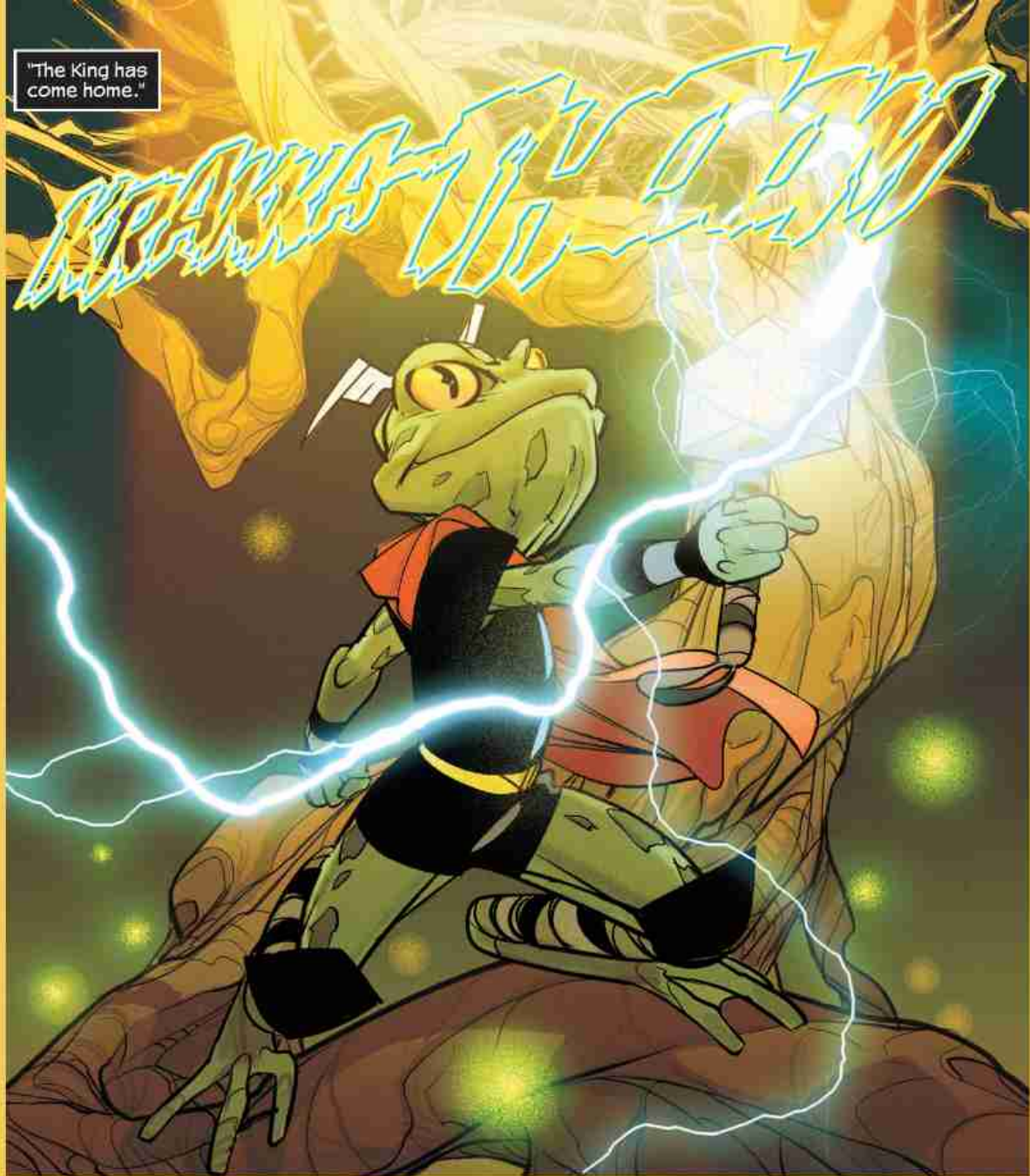
...to us, a cacophony. A tangled web of noise.

But here, the songs all tell the same story...

"Glorry, glorry..." they sing...



"The King has
come home."



MY FRIENDS,
LARGE AND SMALL,
I THANK YOU!

IT
HAS BEEN
AN ARDUOUS
JOURNEY TO
RETURN TO
YOU!

NO DOUBT
THE STORIES OF
MY BATTLE IN ASGARD
AGAINST THE PRETENDER
KNOWN AS DONALD BLAKE
HAVE REACHED
YOUR EARS...













"FIRST OFF, I'LL NEED
UNFETTERED ACCESS
TO THE TEN REALMS.

"IF I'M TO DO THIS
RIGHT, NO STONE
MUST BE LEFT
UNTURNED.

"HUGINN AND
MUNINN WILL
DO NICELY.

"THEY WILL FERRY
US ACROSS FIELDS
WE DARE NOT KNOW.

"WHILE I FEAR
THE BARGAIN
OF RAVENS...

"...TIME IS OF
THE ESSENCE.



"FROM
THERE..."

"SOMEONE
WITH A..."

"...NOSE FOR
THESE KINDS
OF THINGS."

"WELL, I'LL NEED
A TRACKER."



"LUCKILY FOR YOU,
I KNOW QUITE A
GOOD BLOODHOUND."

LOCKJAW.
WAKE UP, MY
OLD FRIEND...

...ADVENTURE
AWAITS.



"WITH ACCESS AND TRACKING SECURED, OUR SAFETY AND PROTECTION MUST COME NEXT."

"WE'LL BE HEADING INTO DARK, DANGEROUS AND UNKNOWN WATERS."

"WE MUSTN'T, IN OUR HASTE, WADE INTO THESE WAVES BLINDLY."

"FOR THIS..."



"...WE'LL NEED A FORWARD SCOUT."

"THAT'S WHERE LOCKHEED THE BLACKENED COMES IN."

"AFTER ALL, HAVING A DRAGON ON THE TEAM IS NEVER A BAD IDEA!"



"AND
FINALLY..."

"GIVEN THAT WHOEVER
IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
THE THEFT OF MJOLNIR
HAS MANAGED TO HIDE IT
FROM THE EYES OF SIF..."

"...I FEAR THIS
PROBLEM IS
MYSTICAL IN
NATURE."

"THUS, I WOULD
REQUIRE A
TEAM MEMBER
PROFICIENT IN
THE USE OF THE
DARK ARTS."

"I HAVE SUCH
AN INDIVIDUAL
IN MIND."

THROG?

WELL, THIS
IS A WELCOME
SURPRISE...

"AND THOUGH THEY
REMAIN UNTESTED IN
THE FIELD OF BATTLE..."

HOW CAN
I HELP YOU?
IS THERE
TROUBLE? OR
HAVE YOU--?

I AM SORRY,
STEPHEN...





I SEE
YOU'VE GIVEN
THIS SOME
THOUGHT...

VERY WELL
THEN...



YOU
HAVE MY
BLESSING.

GO THEN.
ASSEMBLE YOUR
TEAM OF SPIES
AND--

OH.
THOR...



I ASSEMBLED
THEM FOUR DAYS
AGO.



AND...
ONE MORE
THING...



THOUGH
WE MAY BE
SPIES...

...WHEN
WE ARE
JOINED...



...YOU WILL
KNOW US AS
AVENGERS.

TO BE CONTINUED...

QUOTH THE RAVENS: THE HUGINN & MUNINN SHOW

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We are back again, Midgard! Is it me...or were we just back not too long ago? Time seems to be flying... haha, get it, Muninn? Because we are--

Huginn, you must think I'm quite dumb to assume I needed an explanation for that sorry excuse for a pun! You are slipping in your old age!

Well, excuse me! I only thought you'd be unable to understand good humor!

I am very capable! You are ruffling my feathers early today. I see Throg's calling upon us has put you in good spirits!

Indeed! What a thrilling adventure to have with him and the others! At least there are new faces to enjoy my jokes!

Hmm, yes, it keeps you off of me for a bit of time, so I'm glad you are indulging yourself. But remember, it is an important mission that All-Father Thor has entrusted us with! We must not take it too lightly or--

Blah, blah, yes, yes--sheesh! I see the mortals have written some more to us! Ah, this is a good one to begin with...

It seems that Thor has finally figured out why his hammer has acted the way it has since he became king. That Mjolnir has turned on him like this took me by surprise. I didn't see that coming. Are we witnessing the beginning of a new era of Thor? A Thor without a hammer? I am so intrigued by this tale. Once again, Donny Cates is taking our favorite God of Thunder to an "undiscovered" country." Thanks for keeping us excited.

Robert Greg Espinosa
Stockton, CA

Yes, a curious mystery it has been for everyone! 'Tis good we are getting to the bottom of it. But I worry greatly for what is to come.

Aye, that damned hammer has caused much strife! But why worry so, Muninn? We shall find it, and the

All-Father shall put an end to this. There is nothing he can't handle.

Such a positive attitude, Huginn! You are usually not of that nature. Looks good on you!

Ha! You should know this by now, Muninn. I have many attributes that other birds, such as yourself, would love to have. I understand the jealousy, and--

And an ego bigger than the World Tree... Keep on reading, mortal! There are more tricks about! I'm sure this hammer business is far from over yet!

Hello, Huginn and Muninn!

I just finished "Revelations" part two and thought it was absolutely awesome. Donny Cates is such a brilliant writer and Michele Bandini was such a wonderful guest artist. I loved the inclusion of Jane Foster and her conversation with Thor.

My absolute favorite part of the issue was the fight against the Wrecking Crew, but I'm here to take everyone to task! Where was Thunderball?! I did not spend \$3.99 on the latest issue of THOR to be totally robbed of the fourth member of the Wrecking Crew. I hope Bulldozer and Piledriver got away just because Thunderball wasn't there. If you know where he is, please answer me, Huginn and Muninn!

Love the book! Hope Donny Cates writes it for as long as the All-Father may live. Stay Mighty.

Luke Odom
Gulf Breeze, FL

Ah! This mortal Luke has written in again, Muninn! He must like us birds--but what isn't to like, really?

Ah yes, nice to hear from you again, Luke! You ask an important question too! Of course Huginn and I can only see so much. Lady Sif's eyes are much stronger, so she might know the location. But she would never share such valuable information with just anyone!

But Muninn, just the other day she told me over a tall glass of mead that Thunderball has reformed, aiding the Black Panther in his recent battle against the Intergalactic Empire of Wakanda, and now he's teaching at a Wakandan universi--

No! Huginn, you aren't supposed to know that information, and you can't just tell that to mortals! Besides, a better question is why was I not invited for drinks?!

I have a life, Muninn! Oh, don't give me that look. I shall invite you to the next! The first drink shall be on me!

Aw, thank you, Huginn. All is forgiven.

And the rest of the night shall be on you!

HMPH! Maybe I spoke too soon...

I never knew I needed to see Thor order four hot dogs in NYC until this creative team put it on paper--what a great, fun scene. I wonder if the All-Father has entered any hot dog eating contests--he would surely win. Also, have to give a shout-out to the design for Freyja by Michele Bandini, it's awesome. Can't wait to see what's next from the entire creative team.

Steve Lesko
Westminster, MD

Well, of course the All-Father would win! He is powerful--no hot dog would escape his stomach! He would easily wash them down with a barrel of mead afterward.

Would be quite fun to see! We are all in need of a good time after such dark times in Asgard...

Aye! It seems it's always work, work and more work around here!

Ha! What work are YOU doing again?

The work of listening to you day in, day out...

What was that I heard you mumbling about?!

Nothing! Nothing at all! Just over here looking at the next mortal's prayer. See, look!

Hello, Huginn and Muninn, Thought and Memory,

Ever since 2013, when I was introduced to THOR and Marvel comics as a whole by my brother, I've been a fan, and I assure you--I'm enjoying the direction this new arc of THOR is going. I'm invested in what's gonna happen next!

Odin versus who? Thanos with his Infinity Mjolnir and "Final Gauntlet"? It's pretty awesome! Thanks to Donny and co. for making this happen. I'm--again--really enjoying this. Many thanks.

Also, as side questions: As Odin's ravens, you must've witnessed his mightiest of battles, so can you tell me about his battles within the realm of Mephisto, fighting the devil who rules it and defeating him easily, as seen in WHAT IF...? (1989) #107? And when he fought Ymir alone, before he gained the mighty Odinförce, did their fight rip apart Yggdrasil?

Anyway, thanks again for a pretty good THOR series.

Helena Cromwel
San Diego, CA

A well-versed mortal you are, Helena! These tales are a trip down memory lane! Seems like only yesterday too, right, Huginn?

Indeed! Odin was a ferocious All-Father! His strength is incomparable!

As for the battle between Odin and Mephisto, that has become hazy, for we flew between multiple realms that day. Don't you remember, Huginn--that was the day Thor banished Mangog!

Ah! Yes, yes! I thought my wings would fall right off that day!

As for your second question, the great World Tree could never be ripped apart, even by the All-Father! Though Odin has much force, he knows that the World Tree should be protected!

Yes, Odin was smart to use that circle of flames to trap Ymir!

It seems, mortal, that you should visit the great library of Asgard! Hopefully when the All-Father returns, we can request to have visitors once more. It has become very quiet here!

Indeed, I am in dire need of new company!

What is that supposed to mean, Huginn?!

Ah...nothing...nothing--look! We have run out of prayers!

Hmm...indeed. Well, that shall be all then for this one! Mortals, keep reading! And do not miss the next tale of THOR and the return of our wonderful artist Nic Klein!

I am most excited! He gives such wonderful scratches...why, I could never reach this one spot under my beak, and--

And remember to keep writing in, mortals! The All-Father is in desperate need of prayers if he hopes to hold the hammer once more! We must fill every page, every tome, with your good words! We look forward to a big stack upon our return!

More work, I see... Hmph, well, if it's for our All-Father, then I shall answer your calls, mortals, until my beak falls off! Besides...it might mean more scratches from Nic! Until next time, when we launch into the "God of Hammers"!!! 'Tis sure to be a harrowing tale...

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